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FOR AMBASSADOR MURPHY FROM OAKLEY

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: MELCHOR/DE VENECIA PLAN TO INVOLVE SAUDI ARABIA
AND IRAN IN PHILIPPINE BASE COMPENSATION PACKAGE

1. DICK HOLBROOKE SPOKE PRIVATELY WITH CLARK CLIFFORD
RECENTLY CONCERNING MELCHOR/DE VENECIA PLAN TO INVOLVE
SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN IN EVENTUAL COMPENSATION PACKAGE
FOR PHILIPPINE BASES. CLIFFORD SAID THAT MELCHOR AND
DE VENECIA HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS OFFICE BY AN AMERICAN
(UNNAMED). ACCORDING CLIFFORD HE ADVISED VISITORS OF
INFEASIBILITY OF THEIR PLAN AND STRONGLY IMPLIED HE DID
NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED. CLIFFORD WAS GRATEFUL FOR
DICK'S INITIATIVE IN TELLING HIM HOW HIS NAME IS BEING
USED BY MELCHOR.

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2. COMMENT: LACK OF ENTHUSIASM SHOWN BY CLIFFORD MAY BE
REASON THAT MELCHOR DID NOT CONTACT HOLBROOKE OR OTHERS IN
DEPARTMENT DURING HIS LIGHTNING VISIT. AS USUAL MELCHOR
IS DELIBERATELY EXAGGERATING SUPPORT FOR HIS SCHEME.

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